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BODY PASSAGE §
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 13

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 9, 1999,
please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-11 and 47-49 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

Sub E1
12. (Three Times Amended) A prosthesis for insertion into a body passage comprising an annular resilient element and a flexible, tubular graft attached to said element, wherein said graft includes a pair of opposed ends, [said resilient element being attached to only one of said ends of said graft] one of said ends of said graft being more resilient than the other said ends of said graft.

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Please amend claim 21 as follows:

Sub E2
21. (Three Times Amended) A vascular prosthesis for repairing a diseased first vessel comprising:

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